SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: About the Opposition colluding with the press to keep the fire burning.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is an insinuation on the press.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I think, the press by and large, has co-operated very well. But. . . *(Interruptions)* . .there have been exceptional cases everywhere. So, there might be exceptions in Gujarat also.

About the demands of the Government employees, I don't think that it will be possible for me to give you all the information. Actually, the whole thing was settled with them. And now some of the people say that having agreed *to* a certain formula, while notifying the same in the gazette, there has been some kind of a discrepancy between what has been agreed to and the way it has come in the notification. But these are matters which, in fact, they will have to take up with the Cabinet Sub-Committee of the Gujarat Government. I don't think that we can possibly clarify on any of the issues so far as the this problem is concerned. I think, ttie new Ministry are tackling the whole issue in a very well way, and at least I do ont have any doubt in my mind that they will not succeed in solving the rest of the problems provided there is a well and mutual understanding of approaching the problems with a view to solve it. The Gujarat Government is sincerely trying its level best. At least, I have no doubt about it. And I will request all sections of the House and those who are agitating for the last few months that they will no unnecessanly create a problem and complicate the issue and specially avoid communal kind of violence to the extent it is possible. I hope that all the hon. Members will join me in making a fervent appeal to all sections in Gujarat to see that normalcy is being restored at the earliest.

REFERENCE TO TTIE NEED TO FILL IJP THE VACANCIES OF JUDGES IN VARIOUS HIGH COURTS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we take up Special Mentions. Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi—not here; Shri Virendra Verma.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय सभापति महोदय . . .

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): just a minute. Madam Deputy Chairman, I have a Special Men;ion to make relating to the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mrs. Sinha. I would request you either to give me a chance now or request her to stay on. That will give her the benefit of whatever I have to say.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, the fact is that Mr.Upendra is to make a Special Mention in connection with a statement made by the Minister of State for Home Affairs while touring Andhra Pradesh.

So, would you please request the Minister of State for Home Affairs cr the senior colleague to stay back in the House. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. Madam, it is a coincidence that they are here. I would like to give them the benefit of hearing what nice things I have to say. I could request my colleague, Shri Virendra Verma, to wait and speak later. *(Interruptions)* .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Virendra Verma, you please continue. It is for the Chair to decide. Whatever you speak, you will get the reply. *(Interruptions)* ... You cannot change the dure of the House.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You may kindly request her to say m the House. It is for her to stay or not to stay.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr, Verma, you please continue.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय डिप्टी चैयरमैन महोदया, आप और पूरा सदन, सदन के सभी माननीय सदस्य सहमत होंगे कि जस्टिस डिलेड इज जस्टिस डिनाइड । आज हिन्दुस्तान के सभी हाई कोर्ट्स में 11,06,053 केसेज पेंडिंग हैं और हिन्दुस्तान के हाई कोर्टस में 67 जजों के स्थान रिक्त हैं । क्या माननीय महोदया, 11 लाख से अधिक केसेज संसार के किसी एक देश में अनिर्णीत पड़े

[श्री वीरेंद्र वर्मा]

हैं ? और अगर इतने लम्बे समय से इतने अधिक केसेज पड़े हैं तो लोगों को न्याय सस्ता कसे मिलेगा ? निश्चय ही महंगा होगा, न्याय में विलम्ब होगा और निर्धन आदमी जिनका देश यह देश है, उनके लिए कठिनाइयां उत्पन्न होंगी ।

महोदया, 67 जजों के जो स्थान रिक्त हैं हाई कोर्टों में वह भी आज से नहीं, वह भी बहुत समय से रिक्त हैं । सुप्रीम कोर्ट में दो जजों के स्थान रिक्त हैं और तीसरा स्थान रिक्त होने वाला है । 18 की कुल संख्या सुप्रीम कोर्ट में है और 46;866 केसेज़ सुप्रीम कोर्ट में भी पड़े हैं । 1 लाख 2 हजार एड-मिशन्स आन मिस्लेनीनियस केसेज़ वहां पर पड़े हैं । तो इतनी बड़ी चुनौती है देश की सरकार के लिए . . .

श्री पी० उपेन्द्र : माननीया, वह जा रही हैं . . . **(व्यवधान)**

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : स्पेशल मेंशन हाउस में होता है तो जवाब नहीं होता । मैं हाउस में हूं . . . **(व्यवधान)**

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : तो माननीया मैं आपके द्वारा भारत सरकार के न्याय मंत्री जी से यह अपेक्षा करूंगा कि देश के उन रिक्त स्थानों को जो हाई कोर्ट और सुप्रीम कोर्ट में है, जल्दी से जल्दी उनकी पूर्ति की जाए और जितने कैसेज हैं, 11 लाख से ऊपर जो पैंडिंग कैसेज हैं, अनिर्णीत पड़े हैं हाई कोर्ट में, उन पर डिसीजंस हों, उनका निस्तारण हो । लेकिन कभी भी कमिटेड जुडिशरी किसी भी देश के लिए अच्छी नहीं हो सकती । कभी न्याय सही नहीं मिल सकता और अगर जुडिशरी से विश्वास उठ खड़ा हुआ तो लोकतंत्र के लिए खतरनाक होगा, लोकतंत्र की नींव हिल जाएगी, जनता का विश्वास शासन और प्रशासन तथा न्यायपालिका से उठ जाएगा । इसीलिए मेरी आपसे प्रार्थना है कि इस पर सरकार ध्यान दे । मैं यह भी निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि— जहां लम्बे समय केसेज पड़े रहेंगे उनसे अपराध भी बढ़ते हैं, क्राइम्स भी मल्टी-प्लाई होते हैं । वह देश की शांति और व्यवस्था के हित में नहीं है । इसलिए मैं यह उम्मीद करता हूं, आशा रखता हूं कि इसका निर्णय शीघ्र से शीघ्र होगा और रिक्त स्थानों की पूर्ति भी शीघ्र से शीघ्र की जायेगी ।

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED STATEMENT OF THE UNION MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ABOUT RECENT INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED ATROCITIES COMMITTED ON THE HARIJANS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am very sorry to make this Special Mention. Normally, I do not enter into any controversy. But unfortunately, I have to refer to certain very controversial statements made by the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs. Before I do so, I would like to refer briefly to what happened in Karamchedu.

Madam, on the 17th July, there was a clash in Karamchedu village in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh, in which three Harijans were killed by caste Hindus and later on two others died in the hospital. It was a very ghastly incident arising out of a private quarrel between two individuals. One man took his buffalo to wash at a tank and the water spilled over into the tank used by the Harijans. A Harijan lady objected to that. This developed into a clash. The caste Hindus behaved brutally and inflicted serious injuries on many other villagers. Everybody has condemned this incident. All parties have condemned this incident. The Chief Minister visited 'he spot and he ordered a judicial enquiry within 48 hours.